

1 18. (new) The manufacturing method as recited in Claim 8,  
2 further comprising a step of forming, on a surface of the  
3 hard sintered body indexable insert, a coating layer  
4 comprising at least one element selected from the group  
5 consisting of elements belonging to groups IVa, Va, VIa in  
6 the periodic table and elements Al, Si, and B, or at least  
7 one compound selected from the group of nitride, carbide,  
8 or oxide of at least one metal selected from this group,  
9 and their solid solutions, according to a physical vapor  
10 deposition method or according to a chemical vapor  
11 deposition method.

REMARKS:

- 1) The original translated PCT claims 3 to 7 and 12 have been cancelled to avoid multiple dependencies. The new claims 13 to 18 correspond, in sequence, to the original claims 3 to 7 and 12 except for omitting the multiple dependencies.
- 2) Other informalities, if any, in the literally translated PCT application text will be addressed later during the prosecution. Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 8 to 11, and 13 to 18 are respectfully requested.

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